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DEVELOPMENTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

COMMERCIAL HOG SLAUGHTERING INCREASES -- Hospodar, No 9, 2 Mar 50

According to Statisticke Informace, Series V, No 40, of the State Statistical Office, the number of fattened livestock slaughtered in 1948 and 1949 was as follows:

	<u>1949</u>	<u>1948</u>
Beef cattle	488,994	557,617
Bulls	140,663	107,022
Oxen	55,663	62,344
Cows	193,225	265,626
Heifers	99,443	122,625
Calves	394,267	514,707
Hogs	2,754,974	1,235,031
Commercially slaughtered	1,646,684	910,135
Domestically slaughtered	1,108,290	2,145,136
Sheep	62,455	72,721
Goats	22,361	25,456

The decline in domestic slaughtering of hogs is a result not only of the fact that free domestic slaughtering is dependent on fulfillment of delivery agreements, but also of the disappearance of the black market, which had been supplied largely by home slaughtering. On the other hand, commercial slaughtering, i.e., slaughtering which supplies meat and fats to the urban population, rose by 80 percent. This is a result of the effort to increase the number of hogs, an effort which has been successful, since the Five-Year Plan target figure has already been reached. Above all, this has been accomplished by the mass fattening centers, from which hogs are sent to be slaughtered.

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COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT PROGRESSES -- Hospodar, No 10, 9 Mar 50

Czechoslovak agriculture is characterized by small-scale production, as 7,500,000 hectares of the entire agricultural land are divided into 1,400,000 agricultural holdings and 33 million parcels of an average area of 24 ares.

There are now 2,412 approved JZD (Unified Agricultural Cooperatives) with 110,000 members, as well as 1,316 approved preparatory committees, so that JZD exist in 3,728 villages. Only a few hundred cooperatives, however, are taking the first primitive steps toward fulfilling the most important function, organizing the various forms of joint cultivation of land. In the fall, a total of 314 JZD carried out the fall cooperative work and joint sowing on 33,291 hectares.

There are now 124 model JZD in the Czech Provinces. Organizationally, three types of JZD will be created.

1. JZD with joint sowing but retaining property lines with joint organization of field work and joint utilization of cooperative and private machinery and draft animals. The harvest will go to the members individually from each of their parcels.

2. JZD which have introduced cooperative sowing by abolishing property lines and boundaries between individual parcels, and which cultivate the land jointly and distribute the crop among the members in accordance with the area of their land.

3. JZD in which the members turn their land over to the cooperative for the purpose of collective management and are rewarded by distributing the output among themselves. The system of distribution is based chiefly on the amount of work performed and, to a lesser degree, on the area of land turned over to the cooperative. There are already 30 such JZD.

The land remains in private hands under any of the three systems.

2,098 UNIFIED AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES AT END OF 1949 -- Hospodar, No 12, 23 Mar 50

A total of 2,098 Unified Agricultural Cooperatives had been established and approved in Czechoslovakia as of 31 December 1949, according to Statistické Informace, Series VI, No 2/1950 of the State Statistical Office. Of these, 1,417 Unified Agricultural Cooperatives had been entered in the association register. There were 1,648 approved Unified Agricultural Cooperatives in the Czech Provinces and 450 in Slovakia.

The following numbers of Unified Agricultural Cooperatives existed in the individual kraj:

Prague	224	Olomouc	97
Ceske Budejovice	264	Gottwaldov	43
Pilsen	111	Ostrava	85
Karlovy Vary	48	Bratislava	122
Usti nad Labem	164	Nitra	71
Liberec	93	Banska Bystrica	114
Hradec Kralove	92	Zilina	44
Pardubice	152	Kosice	42
Jihlava	146	Presov	57
Brno	129		

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Other sources report that the area of state farms rose from an original 183,621 hectares to 530,017 hectares in 1949.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES -- Hoapodar, No 10, 9 Mar 50

A total of 1,383,000,000 eggs were produced in Czechoslovakia in 1949. This figure includes 232,400,000 eggs produced in Slovakia. A total of 579 million eggs, including 57,600,000 eggs in Slovakia, were purchased for delivery in 1949.

Operations in the Gigant at Smirice began on 2 March. A total of 2,000 hogs weighing 50 kilograms each were delivered to the Gigant within 2 days. They will be fattened within 4 months. The stock will number over 10,000 head by the end of May.

The Center for Management of Agricultural Products will be the exclusive purchaser of fruits and vegetables in 1950. The VDF (Wholesale Distribution Enterprise) will be the exclusive distributor of these products.

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